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(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, February 12.
The fiscal reform debate, still dragging on in the House of Commons, loses much of its interest from the absence of Mr. Balfour, who is ill, and Mr. Chamberlain, who has been kept away by grief for the death of Mr. Powell Williams, and has now left for a holiday in Egypt. The absence of the protagonists, and the reluctance of any of their colleagues to speak authoritatively as their representatives, leads to confusion on the Unionist side. The average member does not know exactly what position to take up. I anticipate a majority of 65, but a larger figure has been mentioned to me.

The first wedding in the Royal family since the King's accession took place on Wednesday in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, when the King gave his niece, Princess Alice of Albany, to Prince Alexander of Teck, in the presence of three queens, twenty princes and princesses, and titled guests innumerable. White satin with chenille fringe and roses of some shiny stuff (I think they call it chiffon) is all that a mere man can say of the bride's dress. The day was the anniversary of Queen Victoria's marriage in 1840. The bridegroom had to wait forty minutes for the bride, so doubtless Princess Alice has begun his training recently.

The Nipper expedition of the Pennsylvania University has discovered an interesting stone tablet, a tailor's bill 5,000 years old. It is not recorded so that there were probably nippers in those days.

A new magazine appears this morning, a sixpenny monthly, the 'Rapid Review,' a rival to the 'Review of Reviews,' dealing with the British magazines only, and lighter and less steady-fast than the older one. The Men, the Art, the Science, the Epigrams, the Music, the Books and the Plays of the Month make up the farrago of its 112 pages. It is illustrated with portraits, maps and cartoons, and seems to promise a rich periodical feast for those who are too busy or too lazy to read the magazines for themselves. This week has seen the collapse of the 'Daily Paper,' which started forty days ago, amid a flourish of trumpets and a shower of pictures and cheques. It did not deserve to live. It was a scissors-and-paste affair, dull and spiritless, except in Mr. Stead's own contributions, so that when his health broke down, it broke down also. It will cost somebody something to recoup its thousands of subscribers.

Another Cheshire cow started for a walk along the railway, but with so little discrimination that it selected the 'Flying Irishman,' the Holyhead express, on which to play its tricks. Result—R.I.P. A more fortunate cow tried trotting along in front of a train on a Southern line (name of company suppressed). Passengers began to bet on the race, but the stoker spoiled the amusement by descending from the engine, running ahead and stoning away the cow. Then he sat down and waited for the train to come up with him. My authority is the 'Globe,' but I do not believe the story myself.

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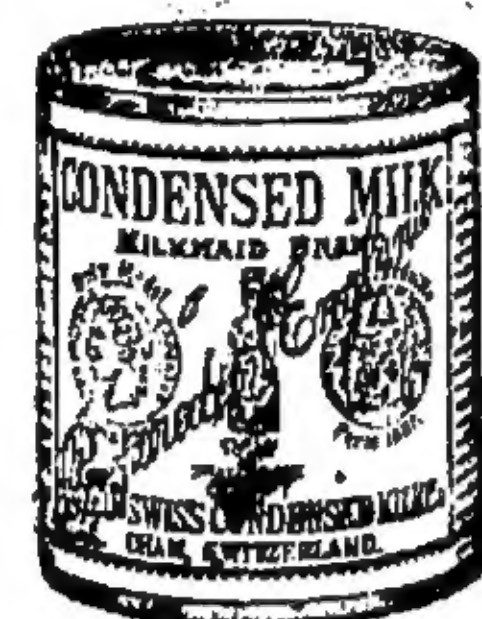
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* Flag of Admiral Sir Gerard H. Noel, Commander-in-Chief.

† Flag of Rear-Admiral the Hon. A. G. Curzon-Howe, C.B., C.M.G.

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Description.	Tonn.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported at
Aspern	Austrian cruiser	962	—	—	Capt. Friedrich Grisenberger	Chefoo
Kaiserin Elisabeth	Austrian cruiser	4000	—	—	Captain Lirther	Chefoo
Acheron	French gunboat	1798	—	—	Captain Lafriere	Haiphong
Alouette	French gunboat	300	—	—	Lieut. A. Varnoy	Haiphong
Argus	French gunboat	475	3	450	Capt. Crespin	Haiphong
Aspic	French gunboat	—	—	—	Commodore Journe	Haiphong
Arvalanche	French gunboat	680	—	—	Lieut. Heron	Haiphong
Bengali	French gunboat	3740	29	9000	Capt. Lafave	Haiphong
Bugaud	French cruiser	8018	18	—	Captain V. Poldine	Haiphong
Chateaufort	French gunboat	525	—	—	Commodore Loeu	Haiphong
Comete	French gunboat	690	—	—	Commodore Gathell	Haiphong
Douedee	French gunboat	1250	6	3200	Capt. Le Gouleur	Haiphong
Kersaint	French gunboat	470	—	—	Capt. Bérone	Haiphong
Lion	French cruiser	9700	12	19,600	Captain Aros	Haiphong
Montcalm	French gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Huret	Haiphong
Oiry	French cruiser	4016	27	8500	Captain Sene	Haiphong
Pascal	French cruiser	9437	8	6071	Capt. Vincent	Haiphong
Redoubtable	French cruiser	1798	10	900	Captain Thomas	Haiphong
Sizy	French gunboat	629	2	—	Lieut. Gaillard	Haiphong
Surprise	French gunboat	—	—	—	Captain Blouet	Haiphong
Takou	French gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. Carol	Haiphong
Vauban	French gunboat	—	—	—	Co. nry. Villeneuve	Haiphong
Vigilant	French gunboat	400	4	441		Haiphong
Vipere	French gunboat	—	—	—		Haiphong
Bussard	German cruiser	1857	15	2900	Comdr. Huss	Amoy
Fürst Bismarck	German flag-ship	11,000	34	14,000	Captain Peck	Amoy
Goer	German cruiser	1776	16	2900	Comdr. von Studnitz	Amoy
Hansa	German cruiser	6000	34	10,000	Capt. van Semmen	Amoy
Ilithia	German gunboat	1000	10	1300	Capt. Baron Schimmelmann	Amoy
Jaguar	German gunboat	900	10	1300	Comdr. Wilbrandt	Amoy
Lucas	German gunboat	850	10	—	Comdr. Kroenke	Amoy
Möwe	German gunboat	1629	15	2800	Comdr. Fesper	Amoy
Seeadler	German gunboat	1640	15	2800	Comdr. Fontius	Amoy
Tiger	German gunboat	900	10	1300	Comdr. Deimling	Amoy
Vorwaerts	German gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut.-Comdr. von Welas	Amoy
Thetis	German cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Dick	Amoy
Elba	Italian cruiser	2730	10	7471	Captain Vollelli	Amoy
Piemonte	Italian cruiser	2427	34	12,000	Captain Duce me	Amoy
Vesuvio	Italian cruiser	4600	24	6820	Captain Zedi	Amoy
Vettor Pisani	Italian cruiser	6500	18	13,700	Capt. Oali	Amoy
Diu	Portuguese gunboat	720	—	—	Captain Diego de Sa	Macao
Zaire	Portuguese gunboat	800	—	—	Capt. F. J. Barboza Leal	Macao
Alouet	Russian gunboat	810	6	730	Comdr. Guinter	Vladivostok
Anaur	Russian gunboat	2800	8	4700	Comdr. Gramatchikoff	Vladivostok
Askold	Russian cruiser	6000	27	—	Capt. Reizenstein	Vladivostok
Bayan	Russian cruiser	7800	10	16,500		Vladivostok
Bayarin	Russian cruiser	3200	6	1150	Comdr. Brjckovitch	Vladivostok
Bobro	Russian gunboat	1050	6	—		Vladivostok
Bogatyr	Russian cruiser	6731	6	—	Capt. Nasarowsky	Vladivostok
Diana	Russian gunboat	1456	3	1700	Comdr. Yoziff	Vladivostok
Digibit	Russian gunboat	500	9	3600	Comdr. Zagorauky	Vladivostok
Gaidamak	Russian gunboat	1490	6	2000	Capt. Jasson	Vladivostok
Jreniastoby	Russian gunboat	12,364	44	14,500	Comdr. Shumil	Vladivostok
Gromobol	Russian gunboat	1000	6	1300	Comdr. Norakowsky	Vladivostok
Gulnik	Russian gunboat	1213	7	1500	Comdr. Crown	Vladivostok
Korsets	Russian gunboat	1224	7	1400		Vladivostok
Mandjeur	Russian battleship	10,306	12	2000		Vladivostok
Navarin	Russian cruiser	3000	6	17,000	Comdr. Vasilief	Vladivostok
Norik	Russian gunboat	1490	6	2000		Vladivostok
Otravny	Russian gunboat	6731	12	—	Captain Koroleff	Vladivostok
Pallada	Russian battleship	12,364	18	14,500	Captain Javoroff	Vladivostok
Peresviet	Russian battleship	10,800	18	14,500	Capt. Zakarizing	Vladivostok
Potopavlovsk	Russian battleship	12,364	18	14,500	Captain Oseroff	Vladivostok
Polsava	Russian cruiser	1334	10	1738	Comdr. Liven	Vladivostok
Rakovitsa	Russian battleship	12,364	18	14,500	Captain Sepeleppoff	Vladivostok
Relwizan	Russian protected cruiser	12,200	68	17,000	Capt. Maszewich	Vladivostok
Rosita	Russian protected cruiser	10,923	26	13,250	Captain Serbounnikoff	Vladivostok
Rurik	Russian gunboat	10,950	16	10,000	Capt. Comdr. Ivanoff	Vladivostok
Savastopol	Russian gunboat	950	2	1125	Comdr. Ginter	Vladivostok

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after you pass Port Said on your way home,
this year, and colder will should you go
to U.S.A. or Canada. Yet you cannot
afford to lose the splendour of the Mediter-
ranean or Pacific Sea by night, therefore,
a TRAVELLING RUG becomes a neces-
sity, and Wm. POWELL, LTD., are
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Requisites.

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just received 19 Cases of New

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which are now opened out, and other larger
Shipments follow to stock their New Pro-
cess in DES VIGUEUX ROAD, which will
be opened shortly.

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will be the

Grand Window Display

which cannot fail to attract the attention
of every one in the Colony.

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gress.

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous.
Goods per *Melrose* not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.
Transfer Books of China & Manila Steam-
ship Co., Ltd., close from this date to the
15th March, inclusive.
Goods per *Kiangang* undelivered after 4
p.m. on this date landed.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, March 17:—
Goods per *Wakusa Maru* not cleared on
this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, March 18:—
2.30 p.m.—Auction Japanese Curios, &c.,
at Mr. Geo. Lammer's Sales Rooms.
3.30 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Art
Silverware, including Ivory and Chi-
sonne, &c., at Mr. Geo. T. Lammer's
Sales Rooms.

Goods per *Sinla* not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.
Transfer Books of Campbell, Moore Co.,
Ltd., close from this date to the 15th
March, inclusive.

THURSDAY, March 19:—
11 a.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of
The China & Manila Steamship Co.,
Ltd., at the Company's Office.
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The
China-Borneo Co., Ltd., at the Co.'s
Office.

Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of Hong-
kong Hotel Co., Ltd., at the Com-
pany's Hotel.

MONDAY, March 21:—
3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Lands at the
Public Works Department's Office.
Goods per *Prad* undelivered after this
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Chinese Prince at a Ball.

Prince Pu Lun, accompanied by the
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The *P. and T. Times* of the 5th inst.
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the south of the province. The Protestants
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beaten to death, eight have been wounded,
and that something like 40 houses have
been looted or burned. Soldiers are being
sent to the disturbed district, as the
Catholics threaten further attacks.

Locomotives for Japan.

The construction drawings for thirty
powerful locomotives, required for use on
the Japanese Government Railways, have
been finally approved, the contract for the
whole of the thirty engines being placed
with German builders. Twelve of the lo-
comotives are to be delivered by the R.L.M.
Machine Company, whilst the contract for
the remaining eighteen engines has been
equally divided between the Hanover
Machine Company of London and Messrs
Henschel and Son, of Cassel. The Berlin
Machine Company's tender was £1,050 per
locomotive, the Hanover Machine Com-
pany's tender £1,080 per locomotive, and
£707 for the reserve boiler and wheels.
The lowest British tender was £2,000 per
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BIRTH.
On the 11th March, at 20, Wooning
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DEATHS.
On the 11th March, at the Victoria
Nursing Home, Shanghai, from pneumonia,
JULIA WHALEY, infant daughter of Mr and
Mrs F. S. Brockmann; aged 1 1/2 years.
At No. 1, Honan Road, Shanghai, MABEL
BEATRICE HILL; aged 14 months and 10
days, from pneumonia.

The publication of this issue commenced
at 5.00 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 1904.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

At yesterday's meet-

ing of the Legislative

MENT GAZETTE. Council, the Hon. Mr

H. E. Pollock was to

have brought forward a resolution to

the effect that the answers to questions

put by unofficial members should be

published in the Government Gazette as

well as the questions themselves. Owing

to the absence of Mr Pollock, the

resolution was not brought forward, but

will probably come on at the next meet-

ing of the Council. The value of the

proposal seems so obvious that we

have some hesitation about saying

anything in its favour, lest we

should only succeed in obscuring its

merits. The present system

is like publishing the chapters of

contents without the rest of a book.

We were once told when criticising an

Athen, which had a list of places but

nothing to indicate on which map they

were to be found, that it was not

invented as an index—perhaps the

Government Gazette is not intended to

give information. If so, we can only

say that it ought to be, and we look to

the common sense of His Excellency,

the present Acting Governor, to accede

to Mr Pollock's proposals. We would

like to make a few more suggestions

for the reformation of the Gazette.

At present, in the printing of a

Government notification no inkling is

gained of its contents until one reads it

through. Great importance is attached

to the necessity of informing all the

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION,

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge.

The departing Admiral left yesterday

afternoon on board H.M.S. *Leristhan* for

Kobe, Japan. He will take passage from

Japan and proceed home via America.

Cricket.

In the League match on Saturday, the

Civil Service C. C. defeated the R.A.M.C.

by 7 runs and 9 wickets. The R.A.M.C.

scored 15, the Civil Service 22 for one

wicket.

The Health of the Colony.

During the week ended 12th inst., two

fatal cases of plague (Chinese) were reported

in the Colony. Two cases of enteric fever

(European) were also reported. One case

was imported.

Hockey.

The 110th Mahratta Light Infantry

defeated the 33rd Burma Infantry in the

semi-final shield tie, played yesterday after-

noon at Happy Valley. The winners of

the *Owen v. Albion* match, will play the

110th Mahrattas in the final.

The New Shorthand.

A permanent studio has been opened

in Watkin's Buildings, Queen's Road, where

the 'New Shorthand' is to be taught, in

addition to bookkeeping and foreign lan-

guages. Free lectures on Shorthand are

advertised to take place each evening at

7.45 in the studio.

Fire at Shanghai.

Damage to the extent of over Taels

75,000 was done to the Yun-hung and

Woo-yoo Cotton Mills at Shanghai on the

11th inst. The boiler houses and ma-

chinery rooms of both mills were burnt,

although most of the machinery was but

slightly injured. Two large cotton Go-

downs were burnt out.

The New Commander-in-Chief.

The flag of the new Commander-in-

Chief was hoisted to-day, as Sir Gerald

H. Noel assumed command of the station

from 8 a.m. to-day. H.M.S. *Albion*, the

senior ship on the station excepting the

flagship, saluted the Admiral's flag, and

the foreign vessels in port followed the

example.

Promotion.

Well-deserved promotion (says the

N. C. Daily News) has come to Mr Harold

F. King, who served at Shanghai

as Police Magistrate and as Acting

Assistant Judge, and who was recently ap-

pointed Acting-Consul at Hangchow. He

has now become Vice-Consul and Assistant

Judge at Tientsin.

Shortage of Russian Supplies.

A native correspondent reports to the

P. and T. Times that there is great lack of

sufficient supplies at Port Arthur, and that

the supply of suitable guns is inadequate

for all the new fortifications which have

been erected round the place. In some of

the Russian garrisons supplies are very

short, and if 500,000 troops are really

concentrated there will be worse. The troops

near the Tumen River (near Possiet Bay)

are sufficient. The first great impending

conflict will, he thinks, be at the Yalu, and

if the Japanese are victorious there, the

next will be at Haila and neighbourhood.

Diphtheria at Foochow.

The Foochow correspondent of the

N. C. Daily News wrote on the 8th inst.:—

Last November, Miss Mabel Sui, a Chi-

nese young lady who had been educated in

America and was teaching in the

Methodist Girls' Boarding School here,

died of diphtheria, which she caught in the

house of a relative. A few weeks since,

Frank, the youngest son of the Rev. and

Mrs J. H. Worley, was stricken with the

dread disease and died in a few days. Much

sympathy is felt for the parents in their

loss. The disease is doubtless lurking here

and there among the Chinese, and great

precaution is necessary to prevent foreign

children from taking it.

will no doubt be a change for the better when General Kuropatkin takes command. Meanwhile, those who are impatient for news of operations by land, and who are agitated by the success with which Japan entices secrecy as to her movements, must remember that large armies must move slowly, and very slowly when those movements are in a practically roadless country and in the winter season.

RUSSIAN STORES CAPTURED.

The *N. C. Daily News* of the 12th inst. reports:—
That the Liaoting fortress is in a state of straits was evident, when the commandant declared despondently a week or more ago that the garrison would fight to the last, but would never surrender. The difficulties of provisioning the place must be serious by now. We learned yesterday that 3,000,000 lbs. of beef shipped over from America through Messrs. Gutz & Co. by the *Capt. and the Korea*, and intended for Port Arthur, have been seized by the Japanese at Nagasaki. No more provisions of any sort are likely to get into the Peninsula by sea, as yet at all events, and if the Japanese succeed in cutting the land communication as well, there seems little hope left for Port Arthur, be its batteries never so many or strong.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

Arrangements in Japan.
We have already referred to the establishment of what is to be known as a 'Prisoner Bureau' by the *Kobe Chronicle*. Some particulars in regard to this important branch of Army organization will be of interest, for this bureau is the first institution of the kind since the International Peace Congress held in Holland in 1893.

There has been no precedent to work upon, but we understand that all the initial difficulties have been surmounted, and the arrangements are now well advanced. According to information given by one of the officials in charge of the Bureau, a register will be kept in which the name, age, nationality, and rank of any one who may be classed as a prisoner of war will be entered. A record will also be kept of those prisoners who are in hospital, with particulars as to the disease or injuries from which they are suffering. Inquiry will be made into the personal affairs of the prisoners in order that their friends may be communicated with. Money or any other articles will be forwarded to the prisoners' houses or to any place to which they request, and the officials will even be prepared to act as notaries and assist in the drawing-up, if need be, of wills and private documents, and guarantee that every effort will be made to secure their safe delivery in the persons named by the prisoners.

DISARMING THE MANDOUR.

The *Mandour* it seems is to be disarmed at last, says the *N. C. Daily News* of the 12th inst., and the Armstrong built Chinese man-of-war *Tai-tien*, under instructions of Viceroy Wei of Nanking, is to go alongside the *Mandour* within the next day or so and receive the breechlocks of the latter's big guns, her rifles, and other weapons of war, etc. This will satisfy the Japanese Government, who, it is stated, place no restrictions as to the number of the crew who are to remain on board the *Mandour* during the continuation of the present war so long as all her offensive weapons as well as certain portions of her propelling machinery are taken out of her.

KOREA AND JAPAN.

Bombs Thrown at Seoul.
According to information supplied to us by the *Asahi*, and based as an extra yesterday, says the *Kobe Chronicle* in the early hours of Thursday, and shortly after midnight, a mob of Koreans throw explosive bombs into the residences at Seoul of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Council for the Foreign Department. The bombs exploded, but with little force, and no damage was done except to furniture. The Foreign Minister, who was absent at the time, therefore escaped possible injury. The Minister, it is reported, was absent from his residence that night and at his official quarters. The outrage was at home at the time of the outrage, but was unheeded.

The outrage is attributed to the *Pedlars' Guild*, a political organisation which is strongly opposed to the Japan-Korean Protocol. Members of the Korean Privy Council are stated to be also opposed to the Foreign Minister in the course he has taken, and have prepared a memorial imploring the Minister to appease the Japanese police by handing over of a probable attack on the unpopular Minister, with the result that the mob was unable to effect its purpose. Five men have been arrested.

Later information, however, states that the Foreign Minister's residence was not attacked, in consequence of the close police watch, but the mob succeeded in throwing a bomb into the premises of the Council for the Foreign Department.

The Japanese Government is negotiating with the Government at Seoul for a guarantee of better protection and order in the Korean capital.

As regards the property of men killed on the battlefield it will be the duty of the Prisoner Bureau to take charge of any articles thus found and use every effort to see that they are returned to the friends of the deceased.

According to the terms agreed upon, the nations abiding by the decision arrived at by the Congress agree to transport such articles as mentioned from the field.

It will be interesting to learn whether Russia, which called the International Congress at which these regulations were drawn up, will adopt a similar course.

Useful Household Medicine.

CHAMBERLAIN'S Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy is recommended for the speedy and permanent cure of Dysentery, Diarrhoea, Chronic Diarrhoea, Pain in the Stomach, Colic, Summer Complaint, Bilious Colic, and Cholera Infantum. It has been in the market 25 years, and its wonderful cures have been brought to the notice of the world by the fact that it has been used by the thousands of homes all over the world. For sale by all Chemists and Medicine Vendors. Write for full particulars.

TELEGRAMS.

(BRITISH SERVICE.)

THE WAR.

London, March 12.
Admiral Alexoff reports that in course of a reconnaissance before dawn on the 10th instant, six torpedo boats encountered a Japanese torpedo boat and cruisers outside Port Arthur, and a hot action ensued. The Russian torpedo boat destroyer *Stroguchich* and one Japanese destroyer were sunk; part of the crew of the former were drowned and the rest taken prisoners. When Admiral Makaroff saw the *Stroguchich* disabled he went to the rescue with the cruisers *Norik* and *Dayan*, but as the destroyer was surrounded by five Japanese cruisers, and the enemy's batteries were approaching, he was compelled to retire. The sinking of the Japanese destroyer was effected by the destroyer *Vishniy* with a Whitehead torpedo. The enemy bombarded the ships and fortress at long range with their heavy guns till 1.15, firing 200 shells; the damage to the Russian vessels was insignificant. One of the Russian shells appeared to seriously damage the Japanese cruiser *Takasago*, but owing to the distance it was impossible to ascertain the extent. Apart from the *Stroguchich*, the Russian losses in the night engagement and the bombardment together, were 6 officers and 21 men wounded, and 3 men killed. This telegram supplements yesterday's telegram.

GREAT BRITAIN AND JAPAN.

London, March 13.
Baron Hayashi, the Japanese statesman, has arrived at Liverpool. It is believed that the Baron has signed a mission.

THE WAR.

Departure of General Kuropatkin.
General Kuropatkin has had a magnificent send-off from St. Petersburg for the front. He will probably make a railway train his headquarters. The General's Aide-de-Camp at an interview said that General Kuropatkin would first read all Russian troops from Korea, that operations would begin in May, and that the General thinks he will have done with Japan at the end of July.

Berlin's Admiration for Japan.

The Military and Naval critics in Berlin admire, unreservedly, the manner in which Japan has used her fleet in support of the military operations; its mobility, and the consummate skill of its Commanders.

THE JAPANESE ARMY.

Tokyo, March 9.
The transport of the second army corps, comprising seventy thousand men, will commence to-morrow. Ten divisions will in all go to the North, while the other three divisions will stay for the time being in Japan.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LD.

(In Liquidation.)

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at a General Meeting to be held at the Office of the Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, Victoria Buildings, Queen's Road, Saturday, 23rd inst., at 3 p.m.:—
The Liquidator now begs to submit a statement of Accounts to 31st December 1903.

The undersigned was entrusted with the Liquidation of this Company at a General Meeting held on the 21st January 1892, but it was not until September 1894, that he felt himself justified to make the First Repayment of Capital at \$7.50 per share. A Second Repayment of Capital at \$2.75 per share was declared in March, 1898, making a total of \$10.25 per share.

The Company's shareholders to a great extent have been very slow however in coming forward to collect the amount due to them. Notwithstanding the greatest efforts made to induce shareholders to come forward, there still remains unpaid the amount of \$810 as first repayment of capital on 108 shares, and \$303 as second repayment of capital on 132 shares. Owing to the great lapse of time, this total of \$1,113 should now be disposed of.

In view of the very protracted delay in winding up this Company your Liquidator considered it right to cease charging the remuneration allowed to him of \$200 per annum, since the beginning of 1897, which should meet with the approval of the shareholders.

On making the Second Repayment of Capital in March, 1898, your Liquidator calculated that this would absorb as nearly as possible the funds of the Company, and the somewhat larger cash balance of \$444.02 now in hand is mainly due to a dividend received quite unexpectedly in August, 1901, from the Estate of Messrs. Degener and Co., in San Francisco.

The amount in hand, viz.:—
Cash Balance in Current Account \$444.02
Balance unclaimed on First Re-
payment of Capital 810.00
Balance unclaimed on Second Re-
payment of Capital 303.00
Total \$1,557.02

Should now finally be disposed of, and the affairs of this Company definitively brought to a close, since after more than 12 years' Liquidation your Liquidator now intends to leave the East.

J. GOSWAMY, Liquidator.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1904.

GOLF.

The following cards were returned at the usual monthly meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club held from March 12 to March 14:—

Mr. A. N. Gregory...	89	—	10	—	79
Dr. Gibson...	98	—	15	—	81
Mr. W. M. Anderson...	83	—	4	—	82
T. S. Forrest...	82	+	3	—	85
Mr. E. J. Grist...	88	—	8	—	85
Mr. S. J. Blair...	98	—	10	—	88

38 entries.

Mr. E. J. Grist...	90	—	3	—	79
Mr. A. N. Gregory...	89	—	10	—	79
Mr. T. S. Forrest...	79	+	3	—	82

34 entries.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

The Annual General Meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club was held yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the Club House, Happy Valley.

The Hon. Gershom Stewart, acting Captain, was in the chair, and there were present Messrs C. A. Tomes, W. J. Saunders, C. E. H. Davis, C. W. May, T. S. Forrest, E. J. Grist, and Dr. Dew. By appointed members of the Committee.

This was carried unanimously.

Commander Nugent proposed and Mr. Slade seconded that the Hon. Gershom Stewart, Messrs C. A. Tomes, W. J. Saunders, C. E. H. Davis, C. W. May, T. S. Forrest, E. J. Grist, and Dr. Dew be appointed members of the Committee.

A resolution was then passed increasing the entrance fee to \$50, and the subscription for all members joining after March 15, to \$15 per year.

The meeting then closed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE CONSERVANCY FLEET.

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'
HONGKONG, March 14.
Sir,—Lying in the Harbour on Sunday morning, I was able to observe the manoeuvres of the Conservancy Fleet. Starting from somewhere in the Middle Roads, they stood across the Harbour towards Stonecutters Island under easy sail; when on the northern side of the central fairway they commenced dumping and continued discharging their port and starboard broadsides of bonfireboats as they sailed, leaving a long track of varieties to be dispersed by wind and wave, and eventually to furnish picturesque additions to the 'common objects of the sea shore' on some friendly beach. Their course was never outside the ordinary limit of the Shipping anchorage, and having discharged they came back promptly ready for a fresh load, their run having occupied about an hour and a half.

I do not know under what regulations they work, but I should assume that they are bound to dump outside the harbour; it is, of course, ever so much easier to do so inside, and saves so much trouble that I am not surprised that they should do it—I am sure in similar circumstances I would do the same if allowed to, but I'm also sure that I would not be allowed, and however one may wish to save trouble to his Chinese brother I don't see why he should be either.

Any one who knows the Celestial extensively has no need to be told that for him law in the abstract does not exist, it is a vain thing to tell him that the law puts any impediment in the way of his under-
standing, it is only when it convulses itself and drops on his head that he begins to recognise it, and then he begins to propound diaphanous excuses and fairy tales.

The boats seem to have, with much skill, arranged and partly obliterated their numbers so as to make identification by them almost impossible. One looked to me very like 60—Yours, etc.

BOWLING.

HONGKONG CLUB & THE NAVY.

This match was bowled off last night on the Club Alleys before a large and appreciative audience, mainly composed of naval men.

The Naval Team scored a handsome victory by no less than 405 pins. For this they have to thank Lieutenants Gibson, Ford, and Vivian, who all bowled very well, especially the first-named, whose 844 was a splendid roll, comprising as it did three separate scores of over 200. Ford scored consistently and twice topped the double century. Other scores of over 200 for the Navy were made by Dr. Horley 245 (No. 4), Woodman 206 (No. 2), Vivian 205 (No. 1), and Warburg 200 (No. 1).

For the Club team, the 'tail' of which did not roll up to past form. Gray was first, thanks mainly to a fine score of 220 on the first alley, this being the highest individual score of the match. Sims and Ellis were fairly consistent, and scores of over 200 were made by Ellis 237 (No. 1) and Woodcock 223 (also No. 1). It is to be hoped that the return match will be rolled off at no distant date. It will be noticed that the *Waterwitch* supplied half the Naval team.

THE NAVY.

1. Lt. Gibson	220	210	211	221	844
2. Lt. Ford	236	221	172	138	767
3. Lt. Vivian	205	173	185	164	717
4. Lt. Horley	173	148	119	244	684
5. Lt. Woodman	206	184	93	165	648
6. Lt. Warburg	200	184	93	165	642
7. Mr. Brown	191	175	144	125	635
8. Mr. Sims	186	98	124	188	596
9. Mr. Woodcock	186	206	86	112	690

TOTAL.....5,469

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3. T. O. Gray	250	138	137	145	720
4. W. A. Sims	181	176	178	139	674
5. A. Ellis	237	139	180	162	698
6. C. P. Chater	199	141	146	161	587
7. G. A. Wood	223	172	132	110	637
8. G. E. Smith	130	122	140	170	562
9. E. A. Hanky	191	128	121	121	560
10. J. D. Auld	170	132	135	110	547

TOTAL.....5,004

REPORTING A WAR.

JAPANESE AUTHORITIES AND THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS.

Interview with General Fukushima.

(From Our Special War Correspondent).

Tokyo, February 29.

On this last day of the month correspondents are no further 'forerider' than they were at the twenty-ninth of last month, though a conversation which I was privileged to have yesterday with the famous General Fukushima leads me to believe that our stay here will not be of much longer duration. To get at the General in these busy times is rather a feat, but judicious pulling of strings landed me alongside of the charcoal stove in his comfortable quarters at the moment when he had least work to do. There he made me as comfortable as an affable officer can make any one, and though he seemed disposed to tell me anything I desired to know, I found that he was yesterday when I showed a disposition to learn something about Japan's intentions in the land campaign.

General Fukushima is an officer who performed some brilliant deeds during the China war, and of that historical event he delighted to speak, though of the one in which he will figure soon he would say little. He speaks excellent English, and thus defeated me in every attempt that I made to draw him.

'Do you think, general, the army will do anything during the next fortnight?' I asked at last in desperation.

'Ah, ah,' he replied, tugging at the grey ends of his stubbly moustache, 'I am in Tokyo.'

Then he would twist his spectacles over the thumb and index finger of his left hand and smile a smile that was discouraging in the extreme.

'Tell me about Australia,' he would add to turn the conversation.

'I'd rather you tell me about Korea,' I'd reply, and away he would go into a gentle laugh as soft as a girl's and apparently as innocent.

The weak and abortive efforts that I made to get at him pleased him immensely, and his fine grey head would shake with laughter each time that he succeeded in discouraging me.

'You correspondents should go and see the scenery of Japan,' he would say by way of consoling me, 'by-and-bye,' indicating Korea by a sweep of his hand, 'you will have much more than two hands can do; you want a rest before that time comes.'

But ask when it would come, and the expression on his face might indicate that his knowledge on the subject was equal to that of the man in the street. Information that he did vouchsafe me at last, however, was that correspondents would be divided into batches and sent away with different columns.

'The last,' he said with that same old smile, 'will have plenty of time to see the whole of Japan before they go,' and thereupon I sent up a gentle prayer that I might not be amongst that unfortunate or fortunate crowd.

Then the conversation would run to every subject under the sun, and every now and then a win endeavour to find out something touching on the subject nearest my heart I would put a question. The smile and the twist of the spectacles, which always prefaced an answer, would warn me that I was about to hear nothing, and eventually I gave up trying.

'Good bye, General,' I said, when the clock hands pointed close to the fifth hour.

'Good bye,' he replied with a courteous bow. 'I hope,' he said, as he shook my hand, 'you'll have good luck,' and he paused before adding 'when you get to the front.'

'When I get to the front,' I repeated, as I darted down stairs, mentally agreeing that the Japanese Government in general, and its War Office in particular, but all the while admiring the secrecy with which they do things, and the great command they have over their information when they do not desire it to get abroad.

The Staff Officers go next week, and with them the first batch of correspondents. I was the news my interpreter met me with near the Imperial Palace. He had been searching round amongst the underlings while I was tapping the head of the Staff, and truly I believe he met with greater success than I did. His news created great excitement at all events, and now, as country correspondents and news would say, 'speculation is rife' as to who the chosen ones will be.

According to all reports the Russian Government is just as much down on the correspondents as the Japanese, and the latest news is that many of those who left Japan in a hurry at the outbreak of hostilities have been gently kicked out of Manchuria. They will have to find their way back here, for the Japanese have intimated that they will not allow anyone to accompany their troops unless they have credentials from Tokyo. Many of the London deflates have been casting round for means to defeat both belligerents and get news for their papers, and the Times has a scheme on foot to charter a ship and fit it up with wireless telegraphic apparatus. It will be interesting to see what view Japan will take if the scheme is carried out, but generally it is believed that she will capture the vessel some fine night and tow it back to its moorings, afterwards claiming it as a war prize.

As if having heard of several desperate plots to take out news, the War Office came to a dreadful determination this week to set apart a room for foreign correspondents and therein to give daily official news. The announcement thrilled the news men in general, and the next day a stampede took place for the office. A warm fire glowed in the grate, and the room was as cozy as modern furniture could make it. These things pleased the correspondents immensely, but to see their faces when they went to the board above the mantle-piece—containing sheets of telegraph paper—would have done more to shake the faith of the news men than any other single thing.

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MEMORANDA.

TUESDAY, March 22:—

2.15 p.m.—Meeting of His Majesty's Justice of Peace at the Magistracy.

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Household Furniture, &c., at No. 8, Cameron Terrace, Kowloon.

THURSDAY, March 24:—

Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Chinese Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at the Offices of General Agents.

SATURDAY, March 26:—

3 p.m.—Meeting of Chinese Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

must of ages, and was such that it almost turned the ink green with rage. It is officially announced, however, on a slip, that an attack was made on Port Arthur on the night of February 10, whilst another tendered the information that Mexico had decided to be neutral.

Whether to take the whole thing as a huge joke or not was puzzling to the puzzled correspondents, but since that day hardly a foreign foot has been placed in the room for fear that an announcement would be made that Queen Anne was dead. The War Office has nearly scored one on the correspondents, and now the latter are waiting their chance to give a Roland for the Oliver.

Korea has done something of a definite more, and that it is to enter into a defensive alliance with Japan. Russian effort to secure her friendship has failed signally, though it is certain that the reverse in the early stages of the war were responsible for the sudden decision on Korea's part to side with Japan. It bears out rather a good axiom which appeared some time ago in a *Yokohama* paper here. In that picture the artist depicted Korea as a man standing with a Japanese and a Russian flag behind his back waiting for the finish

